



## Civics

Standards	Goals	Benchmarks	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
<b>9-12.G</b> American Government				
<b>9-12.G.1</b> No goals or objectives in American Government.				
<b>9-12.G.2</b> No goals or objectives in American Government.				
<b>9-12.G.3</b> No goals or objectives in American Government.				
<b>9-12.G.4</b> Students in American Government build an understanding of the foundational principles of the American political system, the organization	<b>9-12.G.4.1</b> Build an understanding of the foundational principles of the American political system.	<b>9-12.G.4.1.1</b> Describe the origins of constitutional law in western civilization, including the natural rights philosophy, Magna Carta (1215), common law, and the Bill of Rights (1689) in England.	The Foundations of the American Political System Part 1	The American Idea of Constitutional Government. Where did come From?
				The Declaration of Independence
				Ethics of American Government
				Delegates to the Constitutional Convention
			The Foundations of the American Political System Part 2	Summarizing; Defining the Government's Powers



### Civics

Standards	Goals	Benchmarks	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
and formation of the American system of government, that all people in the United States have rights and assume responsibilities , and the evolution of democracy.		<b>9-12.G.4.1.2</b> Describe historical milestones that led to the creation of limited government in the United States, such as the Declaration of Independence (1776), Articles of Confederation (1781), state constitutions and charters, United States Constitution (1787), and the Bill of Rights (1791) in the United States.	The Foundations of the American Political System Part 1	The American Idea of Constitutional Government. Where did come From?
				The American Idea of Constitutional Government. Where did come From?
				The Declaration of Independence
				The Articles of Confederation
				Limitation of the Confederation
				Change or the Experiment Will Fail
				Writing the Constitution
				The Bill of Rights
			The Foundations of the American Political System Part 2	The American Idea of Constitutional Government. Where did it come From?
				Bill of Rights: The First Amendment
State Government	Division of Powers			
Civic Life, Politics, and Government	How Governments Work Together			
<b>9-12.G.4.1.3</b> Analyze the essential ideals and objectives of the original organizing documents of the United States including the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the United States Constitution.	Civic Life	The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions		
	The Foundations of American Political System Part 1	The American Idea of Constitutional Government. Where did it come From?		



### Civics

Standards	Goals	Benchmarks	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
				The Declaration of Independence
				Delegates to the Constitutional Convention
			The Foundations of the American Political System Part 2	The American Idea of Constitutional Government. Where did it come From?
				Bill of Rights: The First Amendment
		<b>9-12.G.4.1.4</b> Explain the central principles of the United States governmental system including written constitution, popular sovereignty, limited government, separation of powers, majority rule with minority rights, and federalism.	Civic Life	The Essential Characteristics of Limited and Unlimited Government
				The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
			The Foundations of American Political System Part 1	The American Idea of Constitutional Government. Where did it come From?
				The Declaration of Independence
				Delegates to the Constitutional Convention
			The Foundations of the American Political System Part 2	The American Idea of Constitutional Government. Where did it come From?
				The Bill of Rights
				Checks and Balances
				Origins of the Republic Dynamic and Flexible Constitution
				Changes in Government
	<b>9-12.G.4.2</b> Build an understanding of the	<b>9-12.G.4.2.1</b> Identify the three branches of federal government, their powers, and responsibilities.	The Foundations of	Three Branches of Government

### Civics

Standards	Goals	Benchmarks	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
	organization and formation of the American system of government.	<b>9-12.G.4.2.1</b> Identify the three branches of federal government, their powers, and responsibilities.	American Political System Part 2	Three Branches of Government
		<b>9-12.G.4.2.2</b> Explain the functions, powers, interactions, and relationships among federal, state, local, and tribal governments.	State – Local	Division of Powers
				A Growing Nation
				State Constitutions
				The States and the Federal Government
				State Legislatures – Organization
				State Legislatures at Work
				Local Government
				County Governments
				City Government
		Three Forms of City Government		
		How Governments Work Together		
<b>9-12.G.4.2.3</b> Analyze and explain sovereignty and the treaty/trust relationship the United States has with American Indian tribes with emphasis on Idaho, such as hunting and fishing rights, and land leasing.	State – Local	Division of Powers		
		A Growing Nation		
		State Constitutions		
		The States and the Federal Government		
		State Legislatures – Organization		
		State Legislatures at Work		
		Local Government		
		County Governments		
		City Government	Organization	



### Civics

Standards	Goals	Benchmarks	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
				Three Forms of City Government
				How Governments Work Together
		<b>9-12.G.4.2.4</b> Analyze the role of political parties and other political organizations and their impact on the American system of government.	Political Parties	Beginnings of the Two-Party System
				The Democratic and Republican Parties
				One-Party Governments
				Local Party Organization
		<b>9-12.G.4.2.5</b> Explain the electoral process at each level of government.	Political Parties	Local Party Organization The Right to Vote Primary Elections General Elections
	<b>9-12.G.4.3</b> Build an understanding that all people in the United States have rights and assume responsibilities.	<b>9-12.G.4.3.1</b> Explain the ways in which individuals become citizens and distinguish among obligations, responsibilities, and rights.	State Government	Citizen Action A Growing Nation
		<b>9-12.G.4.3.2</b> Explain the implications of dual citizenship with regard to American Indians	State Government	Citizen Action
		<b>9-12.G.4.3.3</b> Identify the ways in which citizens can participate in the political process at the local, state, and national level.	City Government	State Legislatures at Work
				Council-Manager Government
				Strong-Mayor Plan
				Cooperation in Education
				Commission Government
				Government Competition
				Governments/Together-Division of Powers
				Mayor-Council Government

### Civics

Standards	Goals	Benchmarks	Unit Name	Course Topic Description	
				Three Forms of City Government	
				City Governments Working Together	
			Role of Political Parties	Political Party Organization	
			State Government	State Legislatures - Qualifications, Terms, and Reimbursement	
				County Governments	
				Local Government	
			Citizen Action		
			9-12.G.4.3.4 Analyze and evaluate decisions about rights of individuals in landmark cases of the United States Supreme Court, including Gideon v. Wainwright, Miranda v. Arizona.	The Foundations of American Political System Part 2	Three Branches of Government
					Checks and Balances
		9-12.G.4.4 Build an understanding of the evolution of democracy.		9-12.G.4.4.1 Analyze the struggles for the extension of civil rights.	State - Local
9-12.G.4.4.2 Analyze and evaluate states' rights disputes past and present.	State - Local				Division of Powers
				A Growing Nation	
				The States and the Federal Government	
				Citizen Action	
9-12.G.4.4.3 Provide and evaluate examples of the role of leadership in the changing relationship among the branches of American government.	The Foundations of American Political System Part 2			Three Branches: Legislative	
		Three Branches: Judicial			
		Three Branches: Executive			
	State Government	Unicameral House			

### Civics

Standards	Goals	Benchmarks	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
				States and Federal Government
		<b>9-12.G.4.4.4</b> Discuss the interpretation and application of the United States Constitution.	Civic Life, Politics, and Government	Constitution
				The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
				Constitutional Government
				State Constitutions
			State Government	Dynamic/Flexible Constitution
			The Foundations of American Political System Part 1	American Constitutional Government Origins
				Origins of the Republic
				The Nature and Purposes of Constitutions
		Goals of the Constitution		
			Change or the Experiment Will Fail	
	<b>9-12.G.4.5</b> Build an understanding of comparative government.	No objectives in American Government.	City Government	How Governments Work Together
<b>9-12.G.5</b> Students in American Government build an understanding of multiple perspectives and global interdependence.	<b>9-12.G.5.1</b> Build an understanding of multiple perspectives and global interdependence.	<b>9-12.G.5.1.1</b> Compare different forms of government, such as presidential with parliamentary, unitary with federal, democracy with dictatorship.	Civic Life	Alternative Ways of Organizing Constitutional Governments
		<b>9-12.G.5.1.2</b> Discuss the mutual impact of ideas, issues, and policies among nations, including environmental, economic, and humanitarian.	Civic Life	Alternative Ways of Organizing Constitutional Governments
				The Citizen's "Civil Life": Duties and Responsibilities Politics! Politics! Everywhere: Is There Meaning Anywhere?



### Civics

Standards	Goals	Benchmarks	Unit Name	Course Topic Description
				What is government? Why are government and politics necessary? Alternative Ways of Organizing Constitutional Governments Alternative Ways of Organizing Constitutional Governments
		<b>9-12.G.5.1.3</b> Describe the characteristics of United States foreign policy and how it has been made and implemented over time.	Civic Life	The Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom The Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom
		<b>9-12.G.5.1.4</b> Identify and evaluate the role of the United States in international organizations and agreements, such as United Nations, NAFTA, and the International Red Cross.	Civic Life	The Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom The Relationship of Limited Government to Political and Economic Freedom